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Rev. Douglas Horton, D.D., Minister and Secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, speaker at the forthcoming State Conference meeting.

FIELD SECRETARY SHERMAN RESIGNS

Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, who for six years has been Field Secretary of the Conference, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Rio Vista. Upon completing his duties in connection with the Zephyr Point Conference, he took the month of August as vacation in order to begin work at Rio Vista on September 1.

Mr. Sherman came to the staff of the Conference from a very successful pastorate at Lodi, which had been preceded by years of arduous work at Broadmoor resulting in completion of the large and beautiful building. He was given two major tasks in the Conference, namely, to promote young people's work and to assist churches with their financial problems. Thirty-two churches were helped in their Every Member Canvasses, resulting in increases totaling $30,000 for the year following the canvasses. In addition he directed a church building campaign at San Carlos, making possible the completion of the unit now in process of erection.

In young people's work two notable advancements were made: first, the dividing of the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work in two, and promoting them both so that the Religious Education Committee has come to be one of the most effective working groups in the Conference, and the Young People's Work Committee has been able to give full attention to the promotion of Pilgrim Fellowship and its various conferences. The other notable accomplishment has been the separation of high school and college age summer conferences and adding to the number so that instead of having one group with 250 in attendance there have been as many as seven with over 500 enrolled. Far better work has been done as a result of the smaller groups and the division between older and younger young people.

Mr. Sherman has been tireless in his promotion of the summer and mid-winter conferences and of Pilgrim Fellowship rallies. He has taught courses, enlisted faculty members, carried on a vast correspondence, and has coordinated the work of all those who have been leading in this task.

In addition, Mr. Sherman has taken an active interest in the laymen's work from its beginning; has been a team member at the various retreats and schools of churchmanship. He was also active in benevolence promotion, bringing many valuable ideas to the committee,, and during one autumn visiting more than 40 churches, explaining the need for increased financial support.

Mr. Sherman goes to this new task with the full-hearted appreciation of the Conference Board of Directors, the people with whom he has served on committees, at least eighty churches which he has helped in some definite way, and especially with the goodwill and loyalty of many scores of young people.

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 16-17-18

There will be no dim-out in the quality of program which will be offered to ministers and delegates at the annual meeting of the State Conference which is to come October 16 to 18 at the Grace United Church, San Francisco. Northern California is noted throughout the country for having programs which rank with General Council meetings and regional convocations, and this year will be no exception.

Heading the list of speakers will be the Rev. Douglas Horton of New York, minister and secretary of the General Council. The committee has asked Dr. Horton to be the chaplain, in order that his contribution may be most helpful in developing the spiritual life. He has accepted, and will lead four services of worship, using as the general theme "The Front Line Christian." In addition he will speak intimately to the ministers at their luncheon, and will give the closing address at the supper table on Sunday night.

On the first afternoon, Bishop James C. Baker of the Methodist Church will speak on "The Church Militant."

Mr. Ronald Bridges, able layman from Maine and Arizona, member of the national Laymen's Fellowship and candidate for the moderatorship of the General Council in 1940, will be a third headline speaker, giving a major address on Friday evening, speaking to the laymen at their luncheon on Saturday noon and to the Young Adult group Sunday afternoon.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, brilliant young secretary of the Board of Home Missions, will give three addresses, one to the Conference as a whole on Sunday afternoon, as chief speaker at the women's luncheon on Saturday, and to the Pilgrim Fellowship group Sunday evening.

Rev. Nelson C. Dreier, new superintendent of our sister Conference in the south, who is making such a fine name for himself, will be the leading speaker on Saturday evening, his subject being "The Church of the Future." He will also bring greetings from Southern California at the Sunday evening supper.

"Our Mountain Rim" will be brought vividly to our attention by three of our men on the frontier, Rev. P. N. Bennett of Trinity County, Rev. John G. Dickey of Calaveras County, and Rev. Theodore E. Schulz of Modoc.

On Saturday afternoon, following the luncheons, there will be a symposium on "The Message of Christianity in the Time of War," by Prof. John C. Bennett, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, and Rev. Augustine Jones. The Social Action Committee of the Conference is planning an interesting hour Saturday forenoon. There will also be three seminars, one on "Pastoral Work in Wartime," led by Rev. Holland F. Burr, Rev. Ralph V Conard, and Rev. John H. Gregg; another on "Missions in Wartime" by Rev. A. C. Hacke, Mr. Albert C. Hausske, and Rev. Clarence Gillett; and another on "New Trends in Christian Education," for which elaborate preparation is being made by the Conference Committee on Religious Education, under the leadership of Rev. Verdette Walters.

The Conference sermon on Sunday morning will be preached by President A. C. McGiffert, Jr., of Pacific School of Religion. The communion service will be conducted by Rev. John H. Gregg, and the memorial for departed ministers by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce.

There are other features which will be announced in the October issue. It is not too early to plan to attend with full delegations from all churches.

REPATRIATES

The many friends of Dr. Alma Locke Cooke will be delighted to learn that she arrived in America on the S.S. Gripsholm, the repatriate ship. Other American Board missionaries returning at this time are: Miss Helen Dizney, Rev. Elmer W. Galt, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Galt, Miss Flora K. Heebner, Miss Isabel Hemingway, Miss Winifred Hemingway, Miss Josie E. Horn, Mr. Wells Hubbard, Miss Lucia E. Lyons, Miss Mary L. McClure, Rev. Harold S. Matthews, Mr. R. T. Moyer, Mr. Robert C. Mueller, Miss Ruth E. Mulliken, Miss Emma Noreen, Mrs. Watts O. Pye, and Miss Alice C. Reed.

Pacific School Opens

The opening convocation of Pacific School of Religion was held on Monday, August 24. The address was given by the Reverend Professor Herman E. Wornom on "The Ministry and the Crisis of Our Times." Mr. Wornom is taking up his work as assistant professor of religious education and director of student field work. He has had much practical experience in important churches as director of religious education, and he has been associated with the department of student field work at Union Theological Seminary. He will devote a goodly portion of his time to counselling with students in churches, in order that the work which they do as pastors and assistants may be more effective, and may in fact be in the nature of laboratory applications of the material and methods which they learn in their classes.

SYLVAN DALE SCHOOL

Four pastors from northern California were in attendance at the School for Ministers at Sylvan Dale, Colorado, for a full month. They were: Rev. A. R. Boone of Lodi, Rev. J. H. Bennett of Campbell, Rev. C. H. Hudson of Eureka, and Rev. W. R. Steininger of Antioch. This school, sponsored by the Board of Home Missions, had drawn together a very notable faculty. All four of our men reported very helpful and worth-while sessions.

OUR DELEGATES TO DURHAM

Space prevents an account of the General Council at Durham, New Hampshire, that would give any very effective picture of it as a gathering or summary of its program. Northern California was represented by its full quota of delegates, 21 in number, and had more than its share on the program of the Council and in service on various committees. Mr. Galen Fisher was heard on the program and presented the resolution regarding the Japanese evacuation; Dr. C. A. Kofoid was in session with the Prudential Committee of the American Board; President A. C. McGiffert, Jr., was a member of the Resolutions Committee; Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave one of the evening sermons and was elected Vice-President of the American Board; Mrs. Scott Haymond, though not present, was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Board of Home Missions; Rev. Vere V. Loper was Chaplain for the Council.

Others who were delegates include: Miss Mary Coxhead, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kimball, Miss Grace Edwards, Mrs. Francis Shook, Rev. B. H. Kissler, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, Rev. Verdette Walters, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. William M. Case and Rev. Harvey V. Miller.

AT DEERING

Northern California young people were represented at the Pilgrim Fellowship National Council at Deering, New Hampshire, by President Joanna Wilder and Vice-President Ted Winslow. Both reported the national gathering to have been exceedingly helpful.

ORDINATIONS AT TANFORAN

An ordination service, the like of which probably never took place before, was held in the Tanforan Assembly Center on June 11. At that time an ecclesiastical council, called by the Plymouth Church and the Independent Japanese Church of Oakland, examined two young men, graduates of Pacific School of Religion, George Aki and Masayoshi Wakai.

The ordination service was attended by about 125 people, including both Americans and Japanese. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach preached the sermon, the ordaining prayer was offered by Prof. James Muilenburg, the charge to the candidates was given by Rev. Pierson Parker, the charge to the Christians at Tanforan by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord and Mr. Nishimura, and the right hand of fellowship by Rev. Robert Inglis.

SUPERINTENDENT IN OREGON

Superintendent Harley H. Gill was one of the speakers at the Northwest Regional Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. This gathering of clergy and lay people from Oregon and Washington was held at Pacific University campus, Forest Grove, and lasted for six days. Other speakers on the program include Rev. Allan I. Lorimer of Plymouth Church, Seattle; Professor J. S. Prentice of Middlebury College, Vermont; Rev. George Shepherd, American Board missionary from China; Professor Ross Snider of Chicago Theological Seminary, and Mrs. E. E. McClintock of the staff of the Missions Council.

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"PACIFIC" AGENTS AT WORK

Some time last May, pastors of our churches were asked to appoint agents to care for "Pacific" and "Missionary Herald" subscriptions. Some already had faithful and effective agents; a considerable number have since reported appointments. A goal to secure 50 per cent of the church families as readers of both The Pacific and The Missionary Herald has been suggested. Already the agents are at work, and their efforts are showing some real results. It is recommended that all churches who have not yet selected agents should make such appointments, and send their names and addresses to the Conference office.

Congregational History

The long-awaited History of American Congregationalism is now on sale. Written by Gaius Glenn Atkins and Frederick L. Fagley, this book traces the course of Congregational history from its beginnings in England to the present day. It will remind the reader of the thing his church stands for and believes in. It is sound in history and written interestingly. It should be in every Congregational home and in every library. It is a large volume, but with the cooperation of the Pilgrim Press has been priced at a minimum—$2.00—in order that it may have the widest possible reading. Orders may be placed through the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.

Modoc Indians Aided

Mrs. Amy Jarman of Alturas, who disburses the appropriation for Indian relief, makes report once in three months. Her last quarterly report showed that out of receipts of $45 she purchased eleven pairs of shoes at a cost of $28.34, five pairs of hose, one blanket, material for layettes, two dresses, three gowns, and other sundry items. This money is the income on the fund turned over to the Conference by the Northern California Indian Association.

Dr. Papazian Retires

Rev. M. G. Papazian, who two years ago resigned as pastor of the Pilgrim Armenian Church, Fresno, and has since been interim pastor in Oakland, Los Angeles and Pasadena, respectively, has retired from active ministerial service after a career of fifty-three years. Dr. and Mrs. Papazian are now living near their farm in the vicinity of Fresno.

The C. G. Marshals

Rev. Charles G. Marshall, formerly of Sunnyvale and more recently a resident in Honolulu, is now living at Santa Barbara. Mrs. Marshall, who remained in Honolulu after Mr. Marshall's return to the mainland, has now rejoined him and they are expecting to visit friends in their old parish and hoping to take in the State Conference Meeting in October.

SUMMER RECEIPTS

Thanks and congratulations to churches and officers who made possible the fine report which appears below—thanks for their splendid cooperation and congratulations for the record which that cooperation achieved. Fifty-four churches made remittances during the three summer months which period in former years constituted a real stumbling block due to the dearth of receipts. Young people's gifts through individual societies and through summer conferences also swelled the total. Now, if we can press forward with the same enthusiasm for the remaining few months of the apportionment year, a real victory will be assured. Let's go!

Church	June-Aug. 1942	Jan. 11 to Aug.31,'42	Jan. 11 to Aug.31,'41
Adin	$ 3.41	$ 11.47	$ 18.63
Alameda	185.29	230.29	202.50
Alturas	15.02	26.74	12.05
Angels Camp	37.50	77.50	77.00
Antioch	26.39	42.05	41.26
Auburn	30.00	93.07	60.00
Benicia	.....	30.00	20.00
Berkeley, Chinese	.....	.....	25.00
First	1,433.52	3,434.96	2,959.30
North	124.70	300.75	296.04
Park	13.94	31.87	37.60
Callahan	.....	.....	5.13
Campbell	81.00	146.00	148.00
Cedarville	40.00	65.00	100.00
Cloverdale	12.96	35.75	36.69
Cotati	25.00	69.35	43.29
Crockett	43.54	79.69	37.12
Etna	.....	5.32	6.85
Eureka	57.46	243.83	240.18
Fairfax	.....	15.00	15.00
Ferndale	128.44	223.14	242.21
Fresno, First	124.16	389.32	311.42
Japanese	.....	35.00	10.00
Pilgrim	.....	68.08	110.00
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	20.00
Hayfork	.....	.....	5.00
Hayward	150.00	150.00	100.00
Kenwood	.....	6.10	3.00
Lodi, First	150.00	710.00	655.00
Loomis	.....	10.71	25.91
Martinez	104.28	234.50	227.70
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Niles	.....	.....	8.70
Oakland, First	1,380.00	3,645.00	2,991.00
Fruitvale	15.00	30.00	26.28
Japanese	.....	35.00	10.00
Pilgrim	9.00	30.17	25.69
Plymouth	216.87	578.34	445.04
Oroville	.....	25.00	33.09
Pacific Grove	83.46	135.49	126.77
Palo Alto	503.85	753.85	558.50
Paradise	50.00	150.00	154.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	8.25	24.00	14.66
Pescadero	.....	2.50	2.50
Petaluma	238.72	367.27	266.77
Pittsburg	27.36	90.79	104.71
Port Chicago	6.75	8.12	.....
Porterville	80.00	160.00	190.00
Redwood City	.....	222.95	381.89
Reedley	.....	.....	5.00
Rio Vista	.....	.....	37.50
Ripon	56.88	132.58	76.06
Sacramento	253.21	483.24	515.63
Salida	20.00	50.00	20.00
San Carlos	42.12	67.40	32.94
San Francisco:			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	95.95	169.83	106.94
First	257.95	794.07	1,473.06
Ocean View	25.00	65.00	60.00
San Jose	155.00	460.20	420.00
San Leandro,			
Broadmoor	28.96	54.06	54.12
San Mateo	149.16	482.36	570.06
San Rafael	.....	40.00	30.00
Santa Cruz	170.00	390.00	405.00
Santa Rosa	29.00	99.00	98.25
Saratoga	143.68	350.45	190.39
Sebastopol	15.00	102.27	109.51
Sonoma	28.60	76.31	69.90
Soquel	25.00	60.00	50.00
Stockton	150.51	326.72	338.90
Suisun	25.00	50.00	89.10
Sunnyvale	37.50	37.50	4.95
Sunol	.....	.....	25.00
Tulare	172.00	308.50	310.00
Weaverville	25.00	122.00	75.00
Woodside	.....	30.00	34.00
Reno, Nev.	105.73	205.95	278.60
Misc. & Individual	273.05	1,482.05	1,391.68
	$7,690.17	$19,519.46	$18,384.07

Rev. Victor Morgan, who began his work as Chaplain in the Navy at Mare Island, is now located at the Naval Flight Training School at St. Mary's College. He holds the rank of Lieutenant, Senior Grade.

Rev. Gail Cleland, who holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, has been made chaplain of the 96th Division and is now stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon. Dr. Cleland served for a considerable time at Fort MacArthur and then at Angel Island before his promotion to the post he now holds.

WITH THE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

The advanced conference of Pilgrim Fellowship, held at Zephyr Point from July 25 to August 1, with the Rev. Fred R. Morrow as Director, reported a registration of 53 delegates and 15 faculty members. Twenty-five churches were represented. But only in numbers was there any decline from previous high levels. In fact, all reports indicate a very superior conference. Fourteen courses were offered by an excellent faculty. Dr. George N. White of the national Board of Home Missions taught on "What Our Church is Doing," and "Better Race Relations;" Rev. Noel J. Breed conducted a seminar on the theme, "Paving the Way for a Christian World;" Rev. E. W. Benedict discussed "Problems of Prayer;" Mr. H. N. McClellan headed the workshop on Journalism; Mrs. W. B. Buckham outlined the "Use of the Bible in Teaching;" Rev. H: R. Carstens taught "Church Music;" Rev. S. C. Peabody led discussions of "Worship in Ideal and Practice;" Rev. Fred R. Morrow helped youth to learn more about "Creative Living;" Rev. Wm. W. Meyer taught and demonstrated "Recreation for Fellowship;" and Rev. E. T. Sherman outlined "Pilgrim Fellowship Work and Methods," while national Pilgrim Fellowship President Roger Manners and our own President Joanna Wilder introduced the delegates to the State and National Pilgrim Fellowship. Rev. and Mrs. Sidney H. Buckham added to the conference by conducting two planned hikes. Mrs. Scott Haymond served again this year as Dean of Girls, while Rev. E. W. Benedict was boys' dean.

Boatrides, folk games, swimming, tournaments, a scavenger hunt, and the traditional "Stunt Night," all under the supervision of Rev. W. W. Meyer, added to the delegates' enjoyment.

New officers were elected, the list appearing elsewhere in this issue.

The "souvenir edition" of "The Light," published at Zephyr Point each year, was this year dedicated to Rev. Edwin T. (Pop) Sherman, for nineteen years associated with Congregational young people's work.

The 1942 Lokoya Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, last in the series for this summer, proved to be one of the finest they have ever held with a total registration of 84. In the words of the "Lokoya Light" editor: "Among the memories we shall carry with us are the poetic thoughts voiced by Art Casaday on Vesper Hill . . . those chapel talks by Mr. Benedict . . . the powerful appeal Dr. White sent out for missionaries to carry on the greatest work in the world. . . . We have had good fun, plenty of it, but more to the point, Lokoya has been a deep spiritual experience this year for a good many of us." Rev. Verdette Walters, the Director, was assisted by an excellent faculty, drawn largely from the men of the Upper Bay and Redwood Empire Associations, while lay men and women from the local churches assisted in various capacities. Dorothea Brookover of Cotati was elected the new president; Lois Alexander of Antioch, vice-president; and Pat Hovey of Martinez, secretary. One evidence of the loyalty and enthusiasm of the Lokoya Pilgrim Fellowship was its action concerning finances. At the conclusion of the conference, when reserve funds had been set aside for 1942, the group voted 60 per cent of the balance, or about $56, to be given for Pilgrim Fellowship Projects, and the remaining 40 per cent to be divided equally between War Victims and Services and the Conscientious Objectors' work.

The Sequoia Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Director, reported a total attendance of 62, Tulare taking the banner with 23 delegates. One student, present for the third consecutive year, reported that it was the finest and best balanced program yet provided. In addition to the director, faculty members included Rev. C. A. Stanley with a course on China, Rev. Pierson Parker teaching "Old Testament," and Rev. John H. Gregg teaching "New Testament." Rev. Willis Goldsmith was chaplain and Mrs. Goldsmith had charge of music. Miss Florence Rata of Tulare was recreation leader.

YOUNG PEOPLE ELECT

At the annual election of northern California Pilgrim Fellowship, held at Zephyr Point, the following officers were chosen for 1942-43: President, Ted Winslow of Oroville; first vice-president, Virginia Piper of First Church, Berkeley; second vice-president, Ernie Taron of Santa Rosa; secretary, Dorothy Emigh of Rio Vista; co-editors of "The Light," Elizabeth Burr of Piedmont Community Church and Virginia Phlegar of Oakland First Church. These officers, with Past President Joanna Wilder of Salida and with the area presidents, comprise the Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On Youth Sunday twenty-four joined the church and six were baptized. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Dr. George P. Hedley supplied the pulpit. During July and August, the church time school met at the regular eleven o'clock service hour; the young people's forum gathered in the evening; and the recreation room was open both Friday nights and weekday afternoons to serve the children of the community.

SAN CARLOS. The new building, which is a remodelling of and very commodious additions to the former building, and which will comprise the parish house in the ultimate plan of the church, is rapidly nearing completion. Reports indicate that it will accommodate a very much larger program of work. The church is exceedingly fortunate to be able to do this under present restrictions of material and shortage of labor. Rev. H. J. Loken is the pastor.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Rev. Edward Reighard, director of student work, writes that during the intersession the numbers at Plymouth House were swelled by the attendance of Service men, and the program seemed better than usual. With the opening of the summer session letters were sent to students, and many new names and some unusually fine prospects were received for the House. The feeling was that if a vigorous summer program could be carried on it would be a step forward. With new officers and a great deal of enthusiasm, Mr. Reighard is optimistic about the future. He says, "Perhaps we can make a bigger inroad on the great task we have here than we have been able to do in the past."

OROVILLE. At an outdoor rally on Sunday, August 30, a symposium was given on "The Church in a World at War," with five-minute talks on "The Church and Youth," "The Church and Marriage," "The Church Through the Years," "The Church and Education," with a closing talk on "So what? Where do we go from here?" The church is to have a director of religious education and a Board of Education to work with him. Rev. C. C. Champlin is the pastor.

NILES. During the summer the church was supplied by Rev. Henry Stauffer, Rev. James R. Hewitt, Rev. Benjamin Gould, and Rev. D. Q. Grabill. Final plans looking toward a permanent pastor have not yet been worked out.

SALIDA. The church has called the present pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, for another year "at a raise in salary." The Rev. Virgil Carlson was a recent visitor at Salida.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

WOODSIDE. The annual meeting was held in the Church on Sunday, June 7, and the report of the pastor, Rev. Burton M. Palmer, took the form of a sermon. In the course of his remarks, he pointed to some of the accomplishments of the church in the last year or two, but also reminded his hearers that the equipment which had been provided placed upon them a responsibility to make use of it in a stronger church and church school program.

The enlarged building came none too soon. It has been used by the community until it is a veritable beehive of activity. Six 20-hour courses of one kind or another have been completed and others are continuing. There have been additions of 120 chairs, several tables, curtains, carpet for the chancel, landscaping of the grounds, furnishings for the study, a sewing machine, recreation equipment, dishes, drapes, and many other contributions of labor and needed articles. Before building, an additional lot was secured. The building itself has modern and adequate plumbing. The church has grown during the present pastorate from 13 to 59 resident members.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE. During the fiscal year just closed there were meetings totaling 642 held at the House; 272 of them by groups sponsored by the House, 131 of Scouts, Cubs, etc., and 239 for the community at large. The average attendance of the church school was 79, an increase of 17 per cent. A Board of Religious Education has been formed, and held its first meeting early in August. Plans for the fall include the holding of morning church services in place of the vesper services held last spring. Mr. Herb Dimock, the director, will be in charge, and will have a student assistant from Pacific School of Religion.

FRESNO, FIRST. A special gift augmented by church funds is now being used to refinish social hall, tower room, kitchen, choir room, rest rooms and the church lobby. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, recently conducted a series of five radio broadcasts on the general theme "Sources of Power." He has also conducted services at the Fresno Assembly Center. During his first year of ministry in Fresno, 56 new members have been added to the church fellowship. During the summer the church has experimented with a unified service at the earlier and cooler hour of 10 a. m. with very favorable results.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The special summer program arranged for various departments of this church included a summer choir which practiced each Sunday morning before the service and provided fine music. A cooperative effort in "tire saving" planned for church school classes at the same hour as the adult worship service. Rev. Edward Reighard occupied the pulpit for a number of Sundays in the absence of Rev. Vere V. Loper who served as Chaplain at the General Council meetings. Dr. Loper's addresses at Durham have been printed under the title "Yesterday's Promise of Light for Tomorrow."

FAIRFAX. Rev. W. W. Meyer, the pastor, reports a splendid Vacation Church School, with 78 children enrolled and 13 teachers serving. Some 12 new families became actively interested in the church through this school. A Church Night Supper in June was handled in entirety by the men of the church.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. These churches, which were left vacant by the entrance of Rev. James D. Salmon into the United States Army chaplaincy, have called Rev. A. W. Monosmith of Adin, who will begin his work on September 1.

BENICIA. Through the joint effort of this church, the Conference, and the national Committee on War Services, a program of activity has been launched which is calculated to meet the tremendous increase of population and to bring this church to a much higher level of strength and usefulness. Miss Grace Kendrick has been secured to assist the pastor, Rev. Isaac Fleming. Miss Kendrick has had very successful experience in starting religious work at Grand Coulee, Washington, near the Shasta Dam in California, and in one section of Vallejo. She is well trained and will devote herself to community, parish, and religious education activities. Benicia has trebled, if not quadrupled, in population in the past 15 months. The parsonage has been sold, and if priorities permit, improvements will be undertaken soon on the church plant. The ladies of the church are showing great interest in redecorating the Social Hall.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Summer Service Clubs for children, open at a small registration fee to all children in the community, provided interesting meetings for several hours each week to the various age groups. Tuesday and Thursday mornings were for beginners and primary children; Wednesday and Friday for juniors, and Wednesdays for the junior high age. Six thought-provoking sermons by the pastor, Rev. Robert Inglis, on the general theme "Riches in the Bible," had the stimulating titles, "True Wealth," "The Art of Prospecting," "This Nation Under God," "The Gold Mine in the Old Testament," "Nuggets," and "The Mother Lode."

SANTA ROSA. The new pastor, Mr. Gordon L. Foster, began his ministry in this church on May 17. "Do you hear Abe Lincoln speaking?" was Mr. Foster's subject when he spoke following the monthly fellowship dinner on June 24, which was very well attended and the first of a series. The church cooperated with the Methodists and Presbyterians in a two-week vacation church school, sharing leadership and equipment. Ted Winslow, president of the local Pilgrim Fellowship group, attended the National Pilgrim Fellowship Council in New Hampshire. A church bulletin has been made possible by the recent purchase of a mimeograph.

SOQUEL. An active program has been maintained throughout the summer, with young people conducting their services outdoors each Sunday evening. On Sunday, July 12, there was a special service when friends presented 100 Bibles to the church in honor of Rev. J. J. Kelly, Pastor Emeritus. Later in the month, "Pioneers' Day" was observed, with many old-time friends in attendance. Young people have been engaged in making the "Chapel of the Pioneers" an outdoor worship center, under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. T. Davis Preston.

MARTINEZ. Through prompt action of its officers, this church has been made available to an Army chaplain for weekday religious services for soldiers stationed nearby. The pastor, Rev. Verdette Walters, was a delegate to the General Council, and made a number of visits en route. He preached in Englewood, Colorado, in the church where he was ordained, as well as in the church of his boyhood, in Iowa.

ALAMEDA. Early in July, Lt. Col. Gail Cleland, former pastor, was guest preacher, and on August 2 Dean C. C. McCown of Pacific School of Religion occupied the pulpit. A Committee on Religious Education has been appointed and is at work on plans for the fall quarter. Rev. Ralph Conard is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. M. G. Papazian, who had expected to undertake the ad interim pastorate of the church, was compelled to change his plans on account of ill health, and the church turned to Rev. V. R. Amirkhanian, who has recently closed a significant pastorate with the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno. Mr. Amirkhanian began work on August 1 with a careful visitation of the friends, supporters and members of the church, and by launching a full program of activity. He has had nearly 50 years' experience in church leadership, and is equally at home in the Armenian and English languages. Congregationalists of northern California welcome him as a brother beloved.

SANTA CRUZ. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, exchanged pulpits with Rev. A. Donat of Bakersfield one Sunday, and also spent two weeks at Whittier, preaching in the Congregational Church there. Mrs. Mahood conducted services one Sunday, and the delegates who attended the Zephyr Point conference were in charge the following Sunday. The June meeting of the Women's Club was in the form of a spring festival, with over a hundred members in attendance. The speaker was Mrs. Scott Haymond of Berkeley, president of the State Federation. The women's groups continued their meetings during the summer, holding outdoor picnics.

CEDARVILLE. Rev. Virgil Vinyard has resigned to accept a Methodist church at Yuba City, his resignation taking effect September 1. Mr. Vinyard has been the pastor in Cedarville for many years. When the church transferred from the Methodist to the Congregational denomination, he continued to serve it, and has been in every way helpful and cooperative. It is with deepest regret that the Cedarville people see him leave and that Congregational churches and ministers lose his immediate fellowship. So far, arrangements for a new pastor have not yet been made.

CAMPBELL. A large and enthusiastic gathering of members and friends of the church surprised the pastor, Rev. J. H. Bennett, at a Sunday night supper to bid him farewell as he left for a month of study at the Summer School for Pastors in Sylvan Dale, Colorado. After a program of music and speeches, Mr. Bennett was presented with a generous gift of money to cover travel expenses and to provide for an enjoyable vacation. This was done as an expression of appreciation and esteem for his years of service in Campbell.

SUISUN. This church has been served for a number of years by pastors of the Fairfield Methodist Church, the latest one being Rev. R. W. Plannette. Fairfield now demands full time from its pastor, so the Suisun Church is seeking someone who can carry forward on a part-time basis. Rev. Henry Stauffer of Berkeley is temporarily caring for it, but with the expectation that a student from Pacific School of Religion will be found to take over.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A fine vacation school with more than double the attendance of last year, is reported; 94 children were enrolled. The "Christian Adventure Camp," sponsored each year by this church, had nearly 50 enrollees, with 6 adults in charge. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is the pastor.

STOCKTON. July attendance was unusually high, an encouragement to the worshippers and their pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed. During the summer, the Youth Choir, under the leadership of regular choir members, has provided inspiring music.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. Rev. William Q. McKnight, returned missionary from Japan, has put in two months of very helpful service among the Japanese in the Fresno area. Until very recently there were some 50 families in the so-called "white zone," and more than that number who were confined in an assembly center. Mr. McKnight cooperated with the pastor, Rev. Tatsuo Sakaguchi, within the center, and ministered to our people in Del Rey, Sanger, and Clovis areas. He was of great assistance to the latter group during their removal to Arizona, and may follow them to a new center, ministering in such wise as will be most helpful. The parsonage has been rented, but other buildings are unoccupied.

REDWOOD CITY. Sunday School and morning services were continued during vacation, the services being in charge of the board of deacons, and the pulpit occupied by a series of laymen. New personnel for offices and organizations has been provided where needed, because of departures for Service or war work; and the choir has been strengthened under new leadership. The ladies of the church have continued their Red Cross sewing through the summer. A practical committee has made twelve new tables for the church social hall. Rev. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, is presenting a series of timely sermons on "Young Men of the Bible."

AUBURN. This church is rejoicing in the arrival of its new pastor, Rev. Lucius F. Reed. Dr. Reed has been the distinguished pastor of the Congregational Church at Boulder, Colorado, for a full quarter of a century, and has taught in the Department of Philosophy of the University of Colorado. During the interim since the resignation of Rev. Stewart E. Locke there have been various supply ministers but for a number of weeks the pulpit was occupied by Dean Harry Tyler of the Sacramento Junior College.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Three members united with the church on "Guest Sunday" in July, when regular attendants brought friends and neighbors as their guests. The Tuesday following, an all-church party was held to provide a social time for hosts and guests of the preceding Sunday. Plans are under way for the 52nd anniversary in September, with Rally Day and Old-Timers' Night as special events. Mr. Eugene Sill, student at Pacific School of Religion, is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Up to June 1 of this year nearly $1500 was raised and expended on the building project. A "second project" has been undertaken to complete the work, with a goodly sum already collected. The pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, who was a delegate to the General Council, combined his vacation with the Durham trip and went on to visit relatives in Canada. On one occasion he preached to a congregation of 45, 35 of whom were relatives!

BERKELEY, CHINESE. While waiting for their new pastor, Rev. Ivan Wong of Vancouver, B.C., to obtain his passport to enter this country, the congregation is carrying on with guest speakers, among whom have been Miss Martha Fong, Mr. Henry J. Poy, Mrs. W. G. Jue, and Mr. Ming T. Lee. The pastor's apartment has been renovated and painted, and the church grounds improved.

GUERNEVILLE. Thirty children enjoyed the vacation church school which was staffed by 6 exceptionally fine leaders. Although pressure of summer business has limited attendance of resident members, Mr. Alfred Focht, the pastor, reports that a number of vacationists have been worshipping in the Guerneville church.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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NO FEDERATION MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

FALL WORK BEGINS

A new year of work started for the Federation with the meetings, both executive and general, on the usual third Thursday, August 20. It was an unusual meeting, however, in the number present. Perhaps fewer of our members had gone away for the summer, but the attendance was large for a first meeting. There were gaps in the ranks, none-the-less. Mrs. A. D. Hartwell was kept at home caring for her son; Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Prayer Guild Secretary, was ill in the hospital, though we are glad to say recovering well, and our beloved Mrs. Dennis Goodsell was also in the hospital with a broken hip. Her chief regret seemed to be that she had to miss the meeting. We shall also miss Mrs. Edwin T. Sherman, since she and Mr. Sherman are moving to Rio Vista. We are glad that it is no farther away, and hope that the distance will not often interfere with her presence at the meetings.

The meeting was taken up with reports from the various secretaries, and from our delegates to the General Council at Durham, New Hampshire, and the summer conferences in California. When these reports were in we felt that all dropped threads had been picked up again, and we were in touch with all phases of the work and ready to go on, we hope, to larger gains in the year to come. In accordance with the plan of last year, there will be no meeting of the Federation as a whole in September, but the Associations will have their own gatherings to stimulate interest and plan their own action. In October we join with the entire Conference for its annual meeting.

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Young People's Secretary and our delegate to the Lakewood Summer Conference (and also on the faculty at that conference), introduced Mrs. Bayard Buckham, who had been on the faculty at Zephyr Point and who brought us a stimulating picture of scenes from the conference, and closed by saying she would leave with us a question and a statement. The question: Why is it our churches do not take a greater interest in education? The statement: Passive interest in Christian education is not enough; it must be active and virile. Mrs. Kientz also spoke of the Lakewood Conference and Mrs. Scott Haymond spoke of that at Loma Mar. On one thing all the leaders were agreed: that the smaller number present at some of the conferences was not an unmixed evil, for faculty and students were brought closer together and gained much from that contact.

The afternoon meeting was given over almost wholly to reports from the General Council, but as that will have notice elsewhere in The Pacific we will omit them. Mrs. Ernest Evans, our delegate to the Institute of International Relations at Mills College, told us that there, at least, was a conference that was larger than usual, not smaller. There were over 400 in attendance, and the faculty came from all over the United States and beyond. The general theme was American contribution to a lasting peace, and the highlight, Mrs. Evans felt, was the deep spiritual note. She mentioned the depressing statement by Susanne Engelmann, speaking on Nazi education of youth, that it would take a whole generation before it would be possible to plant any democratic principles in German youth. Mrs. Evans also shared with us her amusement at the suggestion by two speakers that we should take the missionaries out of India and put in experts instead. Exactly what a large proportion of our Congregational missionaries are if not experts would be hard to say.

Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Thank Offering Secretary, spoke of the excellent material obtainable on our new project at Dondi, West Africa. Mrs. Gauthier, who takes a very personal interest in the many projects she presents to us, had made for herself a "scrap-book" of the pictures and brief items cut out from the leaflets. No leader of a group could do better than to follow her example and have such a book to show her women. Mrs. Gauthier also read a most interesting letter from Mrs. Cornelius, wife of the doctor at Grant's Hospital. The hospital has a new X-ray machine, which is the joy of Dr. Cornelius' heart. They have, said Mrs. Cornelius, "a beautiful fracture" in the hospital now which was set under the fluoroscope apparatus. The hospital building itself is also much improved; a new roof eliminates all the leaks which had threatened the welfare of the patients; two new rooms have been added to the building, one a nursery for the babies who "continue to be born" at the hospital; and, crowning glory in Mrs. Cornelius' eyes, the whole building had been painted. You remember, I am sure, that the hospital nurse, Miss Henrietta Seeger, had been called into Army work and Miss Helen Horton, very tiny but very efficient, has taken her place.

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading Chairman, who took Mrs. Hartwell's place as our representative to the M.E.M. Conference at San Anselmo, told the same story of smaller numbers but closer bonds there. She emphasized the value of Dr. Herman Swartz's course on Mexico, and referred to the stimulus given the meetings by the presence of both Mr. and Mrs. McLean, authorities especially on Mexican work in our own country. As Reading Chairman, Mrs. Greisinger spoke of the "Program Suggestions" prepared by a commitee of three and obtainable from her or from Mrs. Norwood Silsbee, 2709 Curtis Way, Sacramento. She spoke of the need for deepening our own spiritual resources, and said that of much excellent material she felt "The Testament of Devotion" by T. R. Kelly was outstandingly the one for the laity.

Mrs. R. M. McClelland, Social Service Secretary, reported that of 71 quotas sent out, 31 were completed and 20 had not even been heard from. Cannot the Associations in their own meetings in September stress the need for prompt action and urge upon their women, if they feel unable to fill the quota asked for, to write Mrs. McClelland and state what they can do? At least let her hear from you.

Mrs. Verdette Walters, Home Field Secretary, brought to our attention a number of timely articles in current magazines: "How the Negro Fights for Freedom," in the July **Reader's Digest**; "Away With Prejudice," in the April **Social Action**; "Democracy Demands Justice," in **The Christian Century** for June 3; and "The Problem People," in **Collier's** for August 15.

The Association presidents present brought us messages from their fields: the Niles church is putting on a Spanish play to pay for the brick work in the patio of the church; the Cotati women are making a big thing out of their annual flower show, and serve refreshments to help the money end of it; Upper Bay is having "growing pains" with the influx of war workers, but the Congregational churches are doing yeoman service in providing for them.

No Federation meeting in September.

PRAYER IN AN ASSEMBLY CENTER

(From a prayer by Rev. Mas Wakai, who was ordained by a Congregational council in June, 1942, at a union Japanese young people's service in Tanforan Assembly Center on Sunday, August 16. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached the sermon.)

"We seek Thy divine help in meeting these days of futility and uncertainty; we ask for Thy guiding spirit in our uncharted seas of destiny; we ask for Thy love to counteract all thoughts of discouragement and vain hopes. We pray unto Thee to give us strength to overcome fears, anxieties, and evil temptations. Be Thou the cloud by day and the fire by night. Out of this suffering may we obtain inward joy and sympathy for our fellow men and become brothers bearing the cross for Jesus Christ.

"We also pray for the workers and leaders of this Christian nation, for the President and his able colleagues. Give them sound wisdom and judgment to make this nation and the world a fit place to live in. Help them to make our nation a leader in Christian ideals and practices. In spite of the humiliating mistakes made in the hysteria of this global crisis, we still have hopes in a truly Christian and democratic nation to repent and redeem its mistakes.

"We ask Thee, O God, to bring peace quickly and let nations live like good neighbors again. We pray that Thy spirit and the message of Jesus Christ will overcome all injustices, hates, and follies of mankind.

"With increasing hope and faith in Thee, we pray all these in the name of the One who died for us, Jesus Christ. Amen."

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. During the vacation period and during the pastor's recent serious illness, the pulpit of the church has been occupied by guest speakers, among whom have been Rev. James Gordon Gilkey of Springfield, Mass., Rev. Claris Edwin Silcox of Toronto, Canada, Rev. George W. Phillips of Oakland, Rev. Josiah Sibley of Memphis, Tenn., Rev. Herbert Booth Smith of Los Angeles, and Rev. Harley H. Gill. Dr. Pierce is rapidly recovering and will soon be back at work.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Angels Camp boasts versatile members in its choir. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, who served on the faculty at the Lakewood Conference, two choir members conducted regular services at Angels Camp and Murphys. Another is taking charge during the pastor's vacation. A young sailor on furlough, son of one of the members, has recently joined the Murphys Church, which brings the male membership to 6, where for 25 years there were none.

TULARE. Rev. Arthur L. Rice, the pastor, is the author of Pilgrim Fellowship topics in "The Pilgrim Highroad" for the month of August. Mr. Rice has served for several summers as National Park Temporary Ranger in the Yosemite Valley, and was therefore well qualified to prepare the series: "Nature As a Pathway to God."

SEBASTOPOL. A successful Vacation School aroused enthusiastic parent response and the request for another school next year. About 100 people worshipped together on July 19 and then gathered for a church and Sunday School family dinner. This church is aiding in the community Hospitality Center for service men located nearby. Mr. James P. Senter is the pastor.

CHAPLAIN J. D. SALMON

Rev. James D. Salmon, now serving as Chaplain in the United States Army, writes that in spite of long hours of duty and the various diversions offered by Service clubs, hobby clubs, lectures and shows, hundreds of men find time to come in for personal interviews and for attending the many religious services offered. He reports that he has found the enlisted men in his unit of a very high type. His duties are indeed diversified—from preaching and leading a Bible Class to promoting a chess tournament and umpiring baseball games.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The church observed Home Coming Sunday on September 6. During August, the pastor, Rev. Torrance Phelps supplied the pulpit at Reno, and also addressed an audience of 2500 on a Sunday night at the Camp Curry Fire-fall auditorium, Yosemite Park. September will be Religious Education month, culminating in a Rally and Family Sunday on September 21.

PITTSBURG. The Commission for War Services is assisting this church with an appropriation for the maintenance of a social program for the soldiers at the great embarkation camp, who have time off to spend in town. Rev. E. W. Benedict is pastor.

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